

# Editorial On Housing Prompts Quick Action

By Grover C. Whyte

Acting promptly on the suggestion made by this newspaper last week, directors of the Chamber of Commerce met in special session the following day to discuss ways and means for attracting increased home building.

A new housing committee was appointed, headed by Director A. H. Silligo, with W. E. Bowen, Acting City Engineer Glenn M. Jain and Grover C. Whyte as members. It was announced that additional members will be named on this committee as the need for broadening the work develops. An early meeting of the housing committee is planned to map a general plan for attacking the problem.

In the meantime, Chairman Silligo and Chamber Secretary L. J. Gilmeister have contacted a number of large scale home builders in other Southland communities with the thought of ascertaining what requirements are needed to induce such builders to invest in Torrance.

The public reaction to the movement initiated by The Herald has been most gratifying. Not for years has there been such a favorable response to any community need, and it is to be hoped that every effort will be made to push the program along rapidly. In the meantime, The Herald will welcome any suggestions that its readers may wish to express, either privately to the editor or preferably in contributed articles that may be published. However, it should be kept in mind that constructive criticisms are most helpful. Mere fault finding without offering any plausible method of solution will accomplish nothing. Let's have your ideas.

## Harbor Chambers Want County to Back State Highway Improvements

Disapproval of the highways in the southern end of the county which the board of supervisors is being asked to recommend for improvement by the state highway department during the next biennium was voiced this week by the Harbor Districts Chambers of Commerce.

Principal contention of the harbor group is that state funds should be expended on state highways, and not on such important cross-county arteries as Imperial highway and Century boulevard, for example, neither of which are in the state's system as yet. Minor disagreement among members of the group occurred at its last meeting.

Artesia street is recommended for completion across the county in the state's 1941-43 biennium budget. In the list of highways submitted to the board of supervisors by the regional planning commission and the county road commissioner, Ingledwood members of the group at the harbor group's last meeting favored the improvement of Hawthorne boulevard and a connection with the Cahuenga Pass freeway.

Start on a proposed Ingledwood freeway, paralleling the Los Angeles railway line at least as far easterly as Crenshaw boulevard, was favored by some of the Ingledwood members. Other members of the harbor group are insisting upon the completion of Western avenue along the easterly edge of Torrance, to a connection with the southerly end of the project built several years ago with the aid of federal aid funds.

Still others favor the expenditure of more state funds inside cities, as well as in unincorporated territory. The original list of recommended projects included no highways within cities. County supervisors have not yet passed on the projects recommended to do so following the election.

## Police to Get Graphic Camera

On Councilman George V. Powell's recommendation, the city council purchased a 4 by 5 Speed Graphic camera, complete with flash-gun, synchronized Compur shutter and carrying case for the use of the police department. The photographic equipment is identical with that used by The Herald for local news pictures.

## MARCH OF RIMES

UNWELCOME MAIL—By H. F. NOAKE

The first of every month there comes a most unwelcome batch of mail, queer envelopes with window panes, in each a brief but costly tale. Not one contains a word of cheer nor is a kindly thought expressed, just cold reminders something's due, which leaves the stoutest heart depressed. Here's one that has to do with gas, nine dollars! What an awful price; but then of course it gave us heat, and cooked the food and made the ice. Comes one from the infernal pest, the bill for light gives me the cramps; outrageous but of course it beats those smoky, smelly coal oil lamps. Another bill for fifty bucks, installment ten for our sedan; it's tough but most folks couldn't ride unless there was a payment plan. And so they come twelve times each year, those bills that makes us toil and sweat, 'twas ever thus, 'twill ever be, you've got to pay, for what you get.



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## Asbury Through With Trying to Start Bus Service

Rejection of the State Railroad Commission's "certificate of convenience" to allow the firm to operate a bus system between Wallerita, Lomita, Torrance and Gardena only to 116th street and decision not to attempt any further effort to launch the private carrier system linking this area with Los Angeles was announced Tuesday by the Asbury Rapid Transit System.

"We're thru with trying to solve the transportation problems of Torrance and Gardena," Don C. Campbell, manager of the firm, informed The Herald yesterday. "Any further negotiations will have to be made by parties other than ourselves."

Asked what is the present status of the bus system as it pertains to Torrance, Campbell stated: "We're still renting buses to the city of Torrance for its municipal service from Wallerita and Lomita thru to our Los Angeles terminal or I believe we are." He said that copies of the Asbury rejection of the commission's permission to operate on a curtailed service basis—now directly into the heart of Los Angeles—had been sent to "all interested parties."

In addition to the city of Torrance, one of the most "interested parties" is the city of Gardena which has fought Asbury's efforts to establish thru bus route from this city, Wallerita and Lomita thru Gardena to Los Angeles. Gardena contended that Asbury inflicted too severe competition with its own municipal buses.

An informal meeting of the city council is scheduled for tonight to confer with A. T. Porterfield of 4418 182nd street in El Nido regarding the latter's proposition to institute a Torrance-Los Angeles bus system.

Net loss to the city of Torrance since instituting the municipally operated bus service to Los Angeles last Jan. 25 to Aug. 1, has been \$2,896.50, according to figures released by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett today.

Total revenue from the municipally operated buses leased from the Asbury Transportation System during this seven-month period has been \$7,538.55 and total expense has been \$10,435.05, an average loss of around \$400 per month, according to city records.

At a special meeting of the Gardena city council Tuesday night, Councilman Earl Jacobs, manager of transportation for that municipality, was authorized to investigate the possibility of purchasing more modern buses than Gardena now has in operation.

## Co. Population Trend Toward Suburban Areas

Trend of the county's population is unmistakably from the metropolitan areas to suburban areas, according to observations made by Robert G. Webster, in charge of vital records in the office of Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer.

Preliminary 1940 census figures show that the territory now served by the county health department now has a population of nearly 1,000,000, and that it increased more than 38 percent during the past 10 years. Population of the county as a whole increased about 25 percent.

Many of the people who formerly resided in metropolitan areas have built homes in smaller cities around Los Angeles, while others have located in unincorporated territory, Webster observed. Population growth in the rural areas was shown to be more than 40 percent by the figures, and growth of the urban districts was around 37 percent.

Manhattan Beach, served by the county health department, experienced a growth of 237 percent during the last decade, from 1,891 in 1930 to 6,386 in 1940, and said to lead all other cities in the county. Burbank, in San Fernando valley, and San Marino, in San Gabriel valley, were next in line, each showing a gain of more than 100 percent by the preliminary figures. The gain in Torrance was better than 35 percent.

## How They Voted In This Area

The following tabulation of Tuesday's in votes given candidates not listed on the primary election returns are complete but regular ballots, unofficial. They do not include many write-

### FOR SUPERVISOR

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Hauge	1,052	633	73
Fletcher	219	139	21
Bogue	161	139	23
Allen	159	108	25
Baldwin	148	101	14
Gilbert	120	35	16
Wingo	58	38	5
Mettert	23	24	4
Oldfield	23	7	6
Mellen	21	13	1

### FOR CONGRESS

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Geyer (D)	357	649	104
Colder (D)	390	318	61
Tighe (D)	121	71	8

### Republican Ticket

Hix (R)	484	263	29
Sparling (R)	109	48	11

### FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Dockweiler	861	609	81
Fitts	827	467	66
Taplin	231	154	32
Bonelli	219	170	29
Kegley	48	21	5
Jones	47	31	5
Brown	35	21	3
Savay	20	10	1

### FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
O'Toole	489	171	49
Pomeroy	261	272	19
Frenger	227	50	21
V. Thomas	141	67	9
McGovern	122	111	22
Rawls	109	104	10
S. Thomas	38	80	12
Boro	36	78	5
Smith	34	53	7
Nall	25	66	9

### Republican Ticket

Smith	492	222	25
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### For pictures of winners in Tuesday's primary see Page 6-A of today's edition.

### FOR U. S. SENATOR

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Johnson (D)	712	47	56
Patterson (D)	323	8	49
Ford (D)	303	23	45
Vorty (D)	101	4	11
Meredith (D)	37	2	8
Otto (D)	19	0	8

### Republican Ticket

Johnson (R)	504	157	21
Ford (R)	77	26	15
Patterson (R)	42	1	4
Vorty (R)	25	18	3

### DEM. COUNTY COMMITTEE

Adler (D)	640	491	77
Arnold (D)	675	336	67
MacDonald (D)	556	373	70
Halstead (D)	545	430	56
Casey (D)	525	371	62
Johnson (D)	513	365	63
Hillyer (D)	481	422	59
Minor (D)	392	182	34
Gadis (D)	376	197	33
Harrison (D)	284	174	35
McDonald (D)	282	228	32
Petrie (D)	295	224	41
Reaves (D)	285	303	43
Bertelson (D)	232	212	18
Foster (D)	208	197	25

### REP. COUNTY COMMITTEE

Metcalf (R)	359	181	23
Haley (R)	347	182	22
Garretson (R)	322	179	19
Baycraft (R)	331	188	19
Rippy (R)	11	0	1

## Heart Attack Claims Lomitan Driving Auto

Apparently in good health, William Charles Rollman, 67, left his home at 2323 Narbonne avenue about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in his car for Torrance. He had traveled only about three blocks when death came suddenly in the form of a heart attack. Mr. Rollman had pulled his machine about 20 feet off Narbonne avenue near 237th street and then succumbed.

His body was found by a 14-year-old boy, the son of Mrs. Eva Wolverton, who observed Mr. Rollman pull off to the side of the road and stop his car. The boy did not get near the machine until nearly two hours later when he saw the body. Torrance police were summoned but it was apparent that he had been dead for two hours. The ignition key was still on but the car's motor was not running. Mr. Rollman formerly operated a grocery store at Narbonne and 233rd street but had sold his interest about two years ago.

Mr. Rollman, who came to Lomita in 1922 and bought the Bannan grocery store on Narbonne near their home, retired three years ago. He was a native of Vincennes, Ind., and worked in a St. Louis steel foundry for 20 years before coming to California about 21 years ago. Those who survive him are his devoted wife, Anna Margaret; a daughter, Mrs. Samuel Rogers of Long Beach, and a brother, Edward C. Rollman of Los Angeles.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at Stone and Myers' chapel in Torrance with Rev. John E. Orr of Lomita officiating. Interment will follow at Ingledwood cemetery.

## New Phone Book Being Prepared

Now being readied for the printer, the next edition of the local telephone directory will be delivered the first part of October, according to F. W. Smith, district manager of the Southern California Telephone Company. Revisions of existing listings will be included in the new book if they are received at the telephone company's business office by the close of business on Sept. 10, Smith said. New listings will be included in all cases in which installations have been completed at that date.

### FUND NOW \$2,108

A contribution of \$15 by the Spinners Club to the Torrance Red Cross War Relief Fund raised that sum to a total of \$2,108.13 this week, according to Mrs. Flora Wright, Red Cross chairman.

## Labor Day General Holiday For All; Herald to Close

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, will be observed as a general holiday in Torrance while hundreds of residents participate in and attend the various observances planned for the occasion in nearby cities. The Torrance C. I. O. lodge, No. 1414, plans to have a marching unit and float in the Labor Day parade in San Pedro.

All stores, both banks, all city offices will be closed, said The Herald staff who will observe the holiday and the newspaper office will be closed.

## Junior Chamber Seeks Revival of Apprenticeships

Members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce adopted a constitution and fixed membership fees at a meeting last Thursday night. Then they heard an informative talk on youth welfare problems by Commander Edwin Bird of the local American Legion Post. At his suggestion, President John Elder decided to appoint a committee to meet with Bird and officials of local industrial firms to see if an apprenticeship system of training could be undertaken here.

Bird told the Junior Chambermen that there was a great demand for skilled workers in nearly every trade but a great lack of such labor. He suggested a revival of the apprenticeship system here with the cooperation of the various factories.

Active charter members in the Junior Chamber will be accepted until the meeting tonight begins at 7:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce building at \$3 per year membership fee. After tonight the fee will be \$5. Associate (non-voting) members will be accepted for \$3 per year until Sept. 5 when the membership will advance to \$5.

## Alien Registration Under Way Here Now

Fingerprinting and registration of aliens residing in this city began yesterday afternoon along the floor of San Fernando valley, piercing the Hollywood Hills in a five-foot tunnel, and extending on westerly thru Beverly Hills and West Los Angeles to the easterly edge of Santa Monica.

Two fire alarms called out firemen and equipment from the central station late Tuesday night and early yesterday morning. The first call at 11:15 p. m., sent firemen to 229th and Narbonne avenues where a 1929 Essex coach, driven by Pete Jasich of Lomita, was burning to a total loss. Investigation showed that the blaze occurred when Jasich and a companion attempted to refill the machine's vacuum tank and some gasoline dripped on the hot manifold.

Engineer W. C. Silence of the fire department had extinguished a rubbish blaze at 720 Acaacia avenue early yesterday morning before his fellow-firemen and apparatus arrived. The rubbish was from a house under construction.

### SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Office No. 1	1,482	960	132
Office No. 2	1,402	969	134
Office No. 3	1,363	883	137
Office No. 4	1,401	915	155
Office No. 5	1,341	863	129
Office No. 6	735	542	70
Call	503	268	66
Blalock	396	234	34
Office No. 7	1,348	876	136
Office No. 8	1,336	848	134
Office No. 9	1,128	731	125
Kinkaid	397	234	32
Hughes	1,355	861	134
Office No. 11	1,619	1,059	157
Golden	296	153	26
Office No. 12	1,018	657	109
Hanson	583	378	58
Marchetti	1,010	631	108
Office No. 13	456	318	48
Rhodes	847	548	81
Hansen	804	490	85
Office No. 14	1,317	862	135
Beardsley	847	548	81
Dawson	804	490	85
Office No. 15	1,317	862	135
Hall	1,317	862	135

## M.W.D. Scheduled for Delivery of Water March '41

March 1, 1941, has been tentatively set for delivery of Colorado river water to Torrance and other member cities of the Metropolitan Water district, it was learned today.

Construction of the connection between the aqueduct and Morris reservoir, built by the city of Pasadena, now is under way, and arrangements are being made for Pasadena to turn over the reservoir to the water district early in 1941.

The city of Torrance, thru the Municipal Water department, is laying pipe for the connection between the M.W.D. line and city mains. William H. Stanger, manager of the water department, is in charge of the work. The city council awarded the final contract for pipe fittings on the job last night.

Building Feeder Line January 15 is the date set for completion of the \$2,000,000 water softening and filtration plant at La Verne, after which tests will be made for several weeks before it is pronounced ready for operation at full capacity.

Meanwhile, the district has under construction by private contract a large feeder line to the Orange County cities of Santa Ana, Anaheim and Fullerton, and Laguna Beach and surrounding areas have indicated they desire membership in the district.

Extension of the Glendale-Burbank feeder line also is under way, and a westerly extension along the floor of San Fernando valley, piercing the Hollywood Hills in a five-foot tunnel, and extending on westerly thru Beverly Hills and West Los Angeles to the easterly edge of Santa Monica.

## Firemen Respond to Two Alarms

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## O'Toole, Thomas Race Still Close for Assembly

With only three precincts and the absentee vote yet to be tabulated, the neck-and-neck race between Vincent Thomas of San Pedro and James J. O'Toole of Torrance for the Democratic nomination for Assemblyman from the 68th District still held harbor district politicians' interest today.

## Sewer Project Reduction Not Extensive Here

What was first thought to be a major slash in the scheduled installation of sewer mains in Vista Highlands under a WPA project sponsored jointly by the city and the County Sanitation District this week became only a minor reduction of the proposed improvement.

Acting City Engineer Glenn Jain has been asked by J. F. Johnson, area engineer for the WPA, to submit maps showing individual property ownerships in the area to show that the territory is not a real estate subdivision or undeveloped acreage property owned in large parcels.

Federal funds cannot be used in any area which does not indicate immediate home development or which indicates the territory is subject to promotion as a real estate subdivision. Johnson informed Jain after city officials and the Chamber of Commerce had written vigorous protests over the announced abandonment of much of the sewer project.

Less Than Four Blocks Johnson told the Torrance engineer that he believes WPA authorities will allow continuance of the sewer installation on Date, Elm, Fern and Greenwood streets south of Crenshaw street, most of which had been slated for elimination, together with Greenwood and Hickory street sewer mains north of Sonoma and on Torrance boulevard west of Fern street.

The total distance which will not be improved with sewers amounts to about four blocks, Jain said. Territory ruled out by the WPA includes property owned by the C. C. M. O. north of Sonoma and west of Hickory and the proposed line which was to have extended on Crenshaw south of Carson street.

"The original agreement for the project," Jain said yesterday, "called for installation of more than 21,000 feet of sewer laterals west of Crenshaw avenue. Then the plan to eliminate about 6,200 feet, which would leave a balance of about 14,800 feet to be laid, was announced. However, as now planned and subject to final approval by the WPA, there will just be a deduction of about 2,500 feet of laterals in the district in streets which are undeveloped and which have no residences."

New Project Drafted The city entered into a contract for the project (Continued on Page 5-A)

## Four Building Permits Issued During Week

Four building permits were issued during the past week from the city engineer's office for a total of \$11,200 in new construction. The permits were issued to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Christensen for their new brick cafe building at 1434 Marcelina avenue, \$9,000; S. Ida for a four-room moved-in frame house and single garage at 3690 Emerald avenue, \$1,200; J. A. Fix for a two-car garage at 2271 231st street, \$200, and Otto Colberg for a frame garage to be used as a temporary residence on Spencer street, \$800.

## Get Frolic Bumper Cards at Chamber At Once

Bumper cards advertising the Torrance Factory Frolics are expected at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters for the community celebration the latter part of this week. They may be obtained there without charge by local motorists who desire to aid in publicizing the Sept. 26, 27 and 28 event. Boy Scouts have been asked to assist in the distribution of the cards, according to L. J. Gilmeister, general chairman.

It is reported that the missing precincts are those on Catalina Island where the count in the Assembly race was reported last night as: O'Toole 35, Vincent Thomas 18, Rawls 19 and Boro 33. If these returns are correct, then the difference between O'Toole and Thomas is only 64 votes, these being the totals:

Thomas 1,862, O'Toole 1,798, Rawls 1,674, Boro 1,605, Samuel Thomas 1,120, Nall 855, Edgar S. Frenger of Torrance 545 and Charles M. Smith 277.

According to a report current early today there are only 52 absentee ballots to be counted. O'Toole announced that he was not conceding the election until the last of these were counted and even then he reserved the right to demand a re-count.